

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested. Claims 39, 40, 42-44, 49-50, 52-54, and 61-78 are pending in the application with claims 42, 52, 63, 66, 67, 72 and 76 being independent claims. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections.


I. Drawing Changes

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the drawing changes submitted on October 6, 2003 were approved. The Examiner further stated that a "proper drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application." Applicants properly submitted a formal drawing including Figure 7 on October 6, 2004 and believe that the drawing requirement has been completely satisfied. If the Examiner believes that further submission by the Applicants is required, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided as soon as possible to avoid abandonment of the application.

II. The Claims are Patentable Under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 67-71 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter that was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

While the Applicants do not acquiesce to the Examiner's position, Applicants have amended claim 67 to delete the reference to "graphical regions." As stated by the Examiner, support exists in the specification for the remaining elements of the claim. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 67 satisfies the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, and therefore is allowable. Claims 68-71 depend from claim 67 and are allowable for at least that reason.



Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims of the same or different scope as those previously presented in this application.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in the application.

IV. Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding objections and rejections. Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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